

Appl. No. 09/786,357
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REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation allowance of claims 17-25. Applicants have restricted the application to the allowable subject matter to place the application in condition for allowance.

Applicants have amended the claims to correct the minor typographical error in claim 18 to change "vie" to "view" as required by the Examiner thereby obviating this objection. The objection to claim 27 has been obviated by the cancellation of this claim. Accordingly, it is most respectfully requested that the objections to these claims be withdrawn.

Claim 26 has been rendered indefinite because of the phrase "or the like" because the claim includes elements not actually disclosed thereby rendering the scope of the claim unascertainable. Claim 26 has been canceled from the application without prejudice or disclaimer and it is believed that this rejection has been obviated. It is therefore most respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

The rejection of claim 26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Yamanaka in view of Sayegh has been carefully considered but in view of the cancellation of claim 26, this rejection has been obviated and therefore, it is most respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

The rejection of claim 27 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Beaty et al. has been carefully considered. However, Applicants have canceled claim 27 thereby obviating this rejection and it is therefore most respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

The prior art rejections have been overcome by the cancellation of the rejected claims in order to place this application in early condition for allowance but applicants

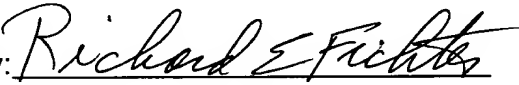
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retain all rights to filing a further application to the canceled subject matter which is believed to be patentable over the prior art.

In view of the above comments and further amendments to the claims, favorable reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims now present in the application are most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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